(c) whether an inquiry has been ordered into the matter;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the findings of the inquiry and the action taken thereon by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Construction of building by Department of Posts**

158. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Posts is contemplating a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) to mobilize non-tariff revenue, by commercially exploiting its surplus land, on the lines of the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) or the proposed Railway Land Development Authority;

(b) if so, the details thereof and its present status; and

(c) the details of plots of land acquired in the past but the Department has not been able to construct buildings and other estates lying vacant in various States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Department of Posts is contemplating a proposal for Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) under the aegis of the Department for development and management of postal estates. However, that is in a conceptual stage only and no details have been worked out.

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Consultative paper on number portability**

159. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has circulated **a** consultative paper on number portability;